

DIGITAL STILL CAMERA WITH  
HIGH-QUALITY PORTRAIT MODE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A digital still camera (10) receives and digitizes  
visible radiation (17) and sound waves (32) from a scene  
(12). When an operator actuates a shutter release (46),  
the camera detects and evaluates digitized information (22,  
38) from the scene in a continuing manner, until a point in  
time when information representative of a human facial  
characteristic satisfies a specified criteria set by the  
operator through use of switches (47, 48) and a display  
10 (51). The camera then records in a memory (59) a digital  
image of the scene, which corresponds to the point in time.  
The stored image is a high-quality image, which can avoid  
characteristics such as eyes that are closed or a mouth  
that is open.  
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